

## District 5 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

Sioux Falls, SD

Those present were Rick Becker of Lake County, Tammy Anderson & Maggie Purinton of Kingsbury County, DeAnna Berke & Kendra Eng of Moody County, Tami Severson & Darcy Liabe of Miner County, Jeff Puthoff of DOR, Reid Squires & Jacob Brehmer of Brookings County.

The meeting was called to order @ 11:00 by Chairperson Jacob Brehmer. Discussion started with OHE appeals. Lake County had 1 residential property that went to OHE. Minnehaha County had a handful of appeals set to go to OHE, but a few were stipulated on before the hearing. A couple were no-shows at the hearing. 1 case was heard. Both counties are awaiting the decisions.

Discussion moved on to the recent submission of the annual abstract through the Axiomatic portal. The consensus was that the process went surprisingly well, considering the short notice given on the procedural changes. There were a few glitches with vendor software programming mentioned. Forcing reports to balance due to rounding issues was mentioned. A director voiced concern over providing the assessor books to DOR, citing the dissemination of property owner names & values should not be necessary with Abstract submission. Everyone is looking forward to year 2 when most of the bugs are worked out and feel this will definitely benefit all parties in the process.

Next topic was the 2023 Productivity #'s provided to DOE by the DOR last week. Top dollar changes varied across the board, when looking at District 5. In the Crop top dollar, % changes ranged from +9.36% to -1.5%. In the non-crop top dollar, % changes ranged from +4.2% to +1.39%. Jeff was going to take some suggested changes back to DOR on the state-wide spreadsheet of % changes.

Class 4 soil conversion (HB 1325) was discussed. Jeff mentioned that DOR fieldpersons were in the process of in-person visits with each county to go over their soil tables, current adjustments, etc. to assist in determining if and to what extent Class 4 soil conversion would be necessary.

Tammy discussed recent action by the Education Committee relating to SDAAO school teacher compensation. If accepted by the committee, there will be a change to the Admin Rule to allow for tiered compensation. Details were discussed, but not entered into the minutes due to no action yet taken by education committee.

General discussion on recent storm damage to buildings & residences, and how tracking is being handled.

DeAnna brought up the topic of Beacon subscription charges, and amount each office is charging for electronic or paper copies of property cards. Beacon rates range from \$350-400 annually. Charges for copies range from \$0 to \$5 per copy. Offices may decide to make changes to better fall in line with a standard charge.

Pay adjustments for cost of living, inflation, ARPA bonuses were discussed. The range of pay increases is from a \$1,000 bonus up to 8% wage increase.

The next quarterly meeting will be scheduled at a date TBD in late October with Moody County as host.

Motion to Adjourn by Chris Lilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeAnna Berke. Chairperson Jacob Brehmer declared the meeting adjourned @ 1:22 PM.